

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS  
(SOMDI)

A Missouri Nonprofit Corporation

The undersigned,

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Mary Fran Ernst

70 East Sherwood Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63114

being a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more and a citizen of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

The name of the corporation is the **Society of Medicolegal Death Investigators**

The Corporation is a public benefit corporation

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office in Missouri is 70 East Sherwood Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114, USA and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Mary Fran Ernst

The first Board of Directors shall be three in number; their names and addresses begin as follows:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

MARY FRAN ERNST

70 East Sherwood Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63114

ZEB JOHNSON

707 B. East Prien Lake Rd.  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

JULIE A. HOWE

912 Elmwood Dr.  
St. Charles, MO 63301

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated, exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), including, for such purposes, to promote the establishment and implementation of promotion of the interests of medicolegal death investigators, namely individuals who have the statutory responsibility to investigate deaths that are reportable by state law. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Trustees, Directors, Officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.

The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Except to the extent permitted by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Any other provisions of these Articles to the contrary notwithstanding, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from the Federal income tax under section 501 C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and (b) by a corporation organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act as now existing or hereafter amended.

The Corporation shall have members. Its Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation. The number of Directors and their terms shall be as provided by the Bylaws, provided that there shall not be less than two Directors. The Directors of the corporation shall be elected in the manner described in the Bylaws.

The corporation shall have all the powers permitted a corporation that is both a nonprofit corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act and an exempt organization described in section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future laws of the State of Missouri and the Internal Revenue Law).

Bylaws of the corporation consistent with the Articles, shall be adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be amended in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors in the manner provided by law may amend these Articles.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying and making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation,

distribute all the assets of the corporation to The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators if the ABMDI is then qualified under section 501 C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).